

“Cesto do Ouro” Basketball Clinic at Josina Machel Secondary School

On March 11, the U.S Embassy in Maputo partnered with ProSport for the fourth of a series of five “Cesto de Ouro” basketball clinics. The clinic took place at the Josina Machel Secondary School in Maputo and involved 36 students aged 12 - 14.

The clinic was very well received by the school management and students and was led by coach Nazir Salé and Mozambican basketball stars Anabela Cossa and Fernando Manjate. For two hours, the Josina Machel students practiced and learned new skills. After, the students played two games of 10 on 10 providing them with an opportunity to practice the new tricks they had just learned. Before departing school, the students engaged with a local expert in an HIV prevention talk focusing on abstinence, monogamy, and risky behaviors associated with contracting HIV.



Each young player received a food pack, uniform, an autographed poster of Anabela and Fernando with an HIV prevention message, and a certificate signed by the Embassy and ProSport. They also received the 2011 PEPFAR Calendar, information on the history of basketball and Magic Johnson, an American flag bracelet, and U.S. team cards.



The Embassy also donated 10 basketballs to the school so that the school can continue offering games of basketball as a tool to engage the youngsters in healthy behaviors.

Radio de Moçambique and TVM interviewed the participants, athletes, ProSport and Embassy Representatives and featured footage of the

clinic in the local news. The “Cesto de Ouro” program is funded through the Public Affairs PEPFAR Small Grant Program. Previous clinics included Tete, Nampula, and Cabo Delgado. The program has already reached more than 200 young Mozambicans.

